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THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Resumed tenth session
Geneva, 18-22 August 1997
Agenda item 2

PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

United Republic of Tanzania*: draft decision

Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: collaboration with other Conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the "Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21" adopted by the Nineteenth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, which, inter alia, recommends that the conference of the parties to conventions signed at the Rio Conference or as a result of it, as well as other conventions related to sustainable development, cooperate in exploring ways and means of collaborating in their work to advance the effective implementation of the conventions,

Recalling also that it welcomes and fully supports efforts of convention secretariats, in response to requests from the respective conference of the parties, to explore, where appropriate, modalities for suitable liaison arrangements in Geneva and/or New York for the purpose of enhancing linkages with delegations and organizations at those United Nations centres,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1. Takes note of the above-mentioned nineteenth recommendations of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly;

2. Requests the head of the interim secretariat to make all efforts to strengthen further the collaboration with other relevant conventions and, in particular, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as well as other conventions related to sustainable development;

3. Requests also the head of the interim secretariat to report to its next session on the implementation of this decision.